

## EDITORIAL

### Annual Session Highlights

ANOTHER ANNUAL SESSION of the California Medical Association has been concluded. The four-day gathering in San Francisco moved at a fast pace through a large number of scientific papers and a record number of technical and scientific exhibits. An unexpected development was the attendance. Excluding exhibitors, the registration totaled 3,843, a new record for a meeting of the California Medical Association. Perhaps the fact that this was the first meeting that had been held in San Francisco in six years was a factor. On the business side, the House of Delegates considered two dozen resolutions and several amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

When the last gavel had banged, members and Delegates returned to their homes secure in the knowledge that a good job, scientifically and business-wise, had been accomplished. Many of the scientific papers will be printed in CALIFORNIA MEDICINE in the coming year and the resolutions adopted by the House of Delegates will furnish grist for the Council and various committees.

In the annual elections, two new officers of the House of Delegates and three new Councilors were elected. Dr. James C. Doyle of Beverly Hills was chosen Speaker of the House of Delegates, succeeding Dr. Donald A. Charnock, who was honored with election as President-Elect. Dr. Paul D. Foster of Los Angeles was chosen as Vice-Speaker.

Among the Councilors, Dr. Edward C. Rosenow, Jr., was elected Councilor-at-Large to succeed Dr. Ben Frees. Dr. Elmer E. Wadsworth, Jr., was picked to represent the Fourth District as the successor to Dr. J. Philip Sampson, and Dr. James H. McPharlin of Salinas was elected Councilor of the Seventh District to succeed Dr. Hartzell Ray of San Mateo. These new Councilors, together with the new presid-

ing officers of the House of Delegates, bring five new names onto the official Council roster.

In addition to electing new officers and passing a number of resolutions, the House of Delegates approved the formation of a new corporation to administer the Benevolence Fund. By handling this fund through a nonprofit corporation, the Association will secure federal tax benefits not available through the former arrangement.

The House also approved a set of By-Law amendments which create a new set-up of committees and commissions in the Association. As now arranged, six major commissions will be appointed, answerable directly to the House of Delegates or, between meetings of the House, to the Council. The commissions are the Cancer Commission and the Commissions on Medical Service, on Public Health and Public Agencies, on Public Policy, on Medical Education and on Professional Welfare. These commissions will, in turn, have subcommittees for the consideration of specific fields of activity. The new arrangement is considered superior to the earlier method of having a number of standing committees with few, if any, duties, and special committees created for special purposes by Council appointment that live on long after the need for them has passed.

Following the close of the House of Delegates, the Council held its organizational meeting and renamed Dr. Donald D. Lum of Alameda as chairman. Dr. Ivan C. Heron of San Francisco was picked as vice-chairman of the Council and chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Council also adopted a statement on the methods used in introducing the Salk antipoliomyelitis vaccine into the field of therapeutic and prophylactic agents. The statement hit at the nonscientific methods employed in a much-publicized program of introduction and pointed out the usual scientific procedures attending the introduction of other agents,

procedures lacking in this instance. This statement also asked that the National Research Council, which has been called the "supreme court of medical research," be called upon to investigate all phases of production and distribution of the vaccine. (page 465)

This statement, coming at a time when chaos marked the national poliomyelitis vaccine picture, was widely quoted in the press. Within a matter of hours the Association received requests for copies

of the statement from a number of eastern areas. The tone of the requests indicated approval of the courage shown in bringing back into the field of science a prophylactic material of such vital importance to the public, rather than permitting further nonprofessional promotion.

It is likely that further statements along the same line will be forthcoming from other areas in the near future.

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### What Was Your Diagnosis?

FOLLOWING are the pathologists' reports of the diagnoses in the cases that were presented at the Clinical-Pathological Conferences held May 2, 1955, at the Annual Session of the California Medical Association in San Francisco. The protocols were printed on pages 335 to 337 of the April issue of CALIFORNIA MEDICINE.

#### CASE 1:

- I. Tuberculous epididymitis, with
  - A. Miliary tuberculosis, involving
    - 1. Lungs
    - 2. Liver, with
      - a. Icterus
      - b. Multiple body hemorrhages
    - 3. Spleen
    - 4. Bone marrow
  - B. Miliary pulmonary congestion and edema, with
    - 1. Bilateral pleural effusion
    - 2. Abdominal ascites

#### CASE 2:

- Carcinoma of stomach, superficially spreading, with multiple carcinomatous ulcers.
- Metastatic carcinoma in regional lymph nodes, bone marrow, heart, and lungs (microscopic).
- Anemia, secondary, severe.
- Extramedullary myelopoiesis, liver, spleen, bone marrow.
- Subcutaneous hemorrhages and large hematoma, right cerebral hemisphere.
- (Miscellaneous minor pathologic changes.)